

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Choate House

other names/site number

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2. Location

street & number 9600 Liberty Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Randallstown

☒ vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Baltimore

code 005 zip code 21133

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

1
0
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1

Noncontributing

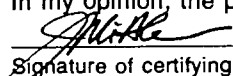
1 buildings
0 sites
0 structures
1 objects
2 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.


Signature of certifying official5-26-89
Date

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☒ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
☐ removed from the National Register.
☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/hotel

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Federal

Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Granite

walls Granite

Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Choate House is an 1810 2-1/2 story stone building topped by a gable roof with porch and dormers added in the 1880s while the interior has a blend of influences from the first quarter of the 19th century to the Craftsman style of about 1920. The uncoursed rubble granite stone walls are augmented by jack arches over all openings on the street facade. As viewed today, the exterior ornamentation is Italianate in style and was probably applied in the 1880s. These changes include a full length porch, broken into four bays, with chamfered posts topped by scroll sawn brackets and joined post-to-post by open fretwork brackets. All window sash viewed from the street are 2/2 lights. Wide overhanging eaves were added to the front and rear, with a bracketed cornice topping the principle facade. Wide overhanging eaves were added to the front and rear, with a bracketed cornice topping the principle facade. Three dormers break the roof in front and two in the rear. The central facade dormer is double-arched and flanked by single-arched dormers. Two corresponding dormers project on the rear. The dormers are topped by a turned finial. The north facade presently exhibits an enclosed shed roofed porch and a flat roofed stone appendage which once served as a garage. On the interior, the main floor has four rooms with a closed stair. The second floor plan is similar, with the exception of the division of one room for a bath. The attic floor is presently divided into three rooms and a broad hall, most of which has been stripped of plaster. No early period trim survives on the first floor. This floor has Craftsman period decorative detailing including a stone mantel, window box, and flanking columns in a major doorway. The second floor is a mixture of 1880s detailing and a few original elements, such as window trim and the survival of a simple Federal period mantel with a shelf supported by ogee and cove molding. The majority of doors on the second floor that survive from the early period are six-panel, having raised field panels.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

c. 1810

c. 1880s

c. 1920

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

Choate House is an important example of rural nineteenth and early twentieth century domestic architecture of southwestern Baltimore County. Throughout the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth century, this area and most of Baltimore County remained rural expanses of farm land with development limited primarily to the suburban regions around Catonsville and Towson, and to town and cross road areas like Reisterstown and Hereford. Scattered along the roadways were farm houses, the occasional business establishment, and places like Choate House which began as a tavern, but by the middle of the nineteenth century became a single dwelling. A number of these rural dwellings like Choate House, reflect the development of the county in their own history with waves of remodeling responding to periods of prosperity. Choate House is one of the few examples remaining in this section of Baltimore County. It retains a high percentage of its original character (primarily configuration, decorative detailing, materials, and location) which conveys information on the architecture of the period. The Italianate renovations of the circa 1880s, particularly to the exterior decorative detailing, are some of the finest examples of that influence in the area. The Craftsman interior work added in the 1920s reflects the last period of major change in the region before the mass building that began in the mid twentieth century and ended the rural character of southwest Baltimore County.

☒ See continuation sheet for
HISTORIC CONTEXT and MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN data

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore American and Commercial Daily Advertiser, 1814

Hollifield, William, Difficulties Made Easy (Cockeysville, MD, 1977)Phillips, Jesse Choate, Choate Family of Baltimore County, Maryland, (Harrisburg PA, 1979)

Phillips, Jesse Choate, "Recollections of Randallstown," History, (Winter 1978-79)

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties: Baltimore County, Maryland Historic Trust, Annapolis, MD.

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested☐ previously listed in the National Register☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register☐ designated a National Historic Landmark☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings

Survey # _____

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering

Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State historic preservation office☐ Other State agency☐ Federal agency☐ Local government☐ University☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical DataAcreage of property 11,178 square feetUSGS quad Reisterstown, MD

UTM References

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Zone Easting NorthingC B
Zone Easting NorthingD ☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See Continuation Sheet No. 10.1

☒ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The nominated property is essentially the suburban lot upon which the resource stands minus the non-historic storage buildings and open space to the north and west. The resource is bordered on the east and west by mid-twentieth century commercial buildings.

☐ See continuation sheet**11. Form Prepared By**Name/title V. J. Trescottorganization Consultantdate 1989street & number 5711 Oak View Drivetelephone 301-795-0557city or town Sykesvillestate Maryland zip code 21784

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Constructed of local granite in uncoursed rubble, Choate House is a detached, single family dwelling which is rectangular in plan. The 2-1/2 story structure is four bays wide with a gable roof broken by five arched dormers decorated in the Italianate style, and two interior end brick chimneys. To the west, an early 20th century landscape feature survives in the form of a stone retaining wall, which projects from the house at a 90 degree angle for approximately thirty feet. Close to the east elevation is a non-contributing, dilapidated, shed-roofed well house. Also on the east is the present driveway leading to the rear of the house.

The main or south elevation of Choate House presents a late 19th century appearance due to a large number of elements in the Italianate style. Primary among these is the front porch that stretches the length of the facade. Divided into four equal bays each of which frames a window of the first floor plus the entry door, which is second from the left. Supported by five chamfered posts topped by scroll sawn brackets, the hipped porch roof is covered with standing seam metal. A heavy bracketed cornice augments the scroll sawn brackets which form arches between the posts. This elevation also has a scroll sawn bracketed cornice at the eave line. A central double-arched dormer is embellished by a finial topping a keystone-like block, and front brackets as springblocks for the arches, and scalloped shingles on the sides. This dormer is flanked by single-arched dormers of the same design with two corresponding dormers to the rear. The completion of this construction phase to the Choate House was the lowering to the floor level all first floor windows facing Liberty Road. Two-over-two sashes were then installed in these openings and all other existing windows, with the exception of two windows to the rear.

Around the east elevation are a pair of French doors, most likely installed in the early 20th century. Also on this elevation is a large window at ground level which structural evidence suggests was the original cellar entrance.

The northern or rear facade presents all periods in which the house has stood. From the initial construction period survive two eight-light upper sashes in the upper right of this wall. At the roof level are two arched dormers from the late 19th century restyling of the main facade. A porch most likely dating from the early 20th century covers two thirds of the first floor. Enclosed shortly after construction, an appendage that shelters a bath was added circa 1950.

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The west elevation is broken by five windows, two on the first, one on the second, and two in the gable.

Choate House has a four room plan with an enclosed stair to the rear dividing the kitchen and dining room. The plan of the first floor is primarily the result of an early twentieth century renovation. The second floor plan is similar with the exception of the division of one room for a bath. The attic level is currently divided into three chambers and a broad hall.

All trim on the first floor dates from the Craftsman style remodeling of about 1920. Stretching across the front are two parlors of unequal size. The fireplace in the southwest parlor has a slate marbleized mantel dating from the 1880s with engaged pilasters topped by brackets supporting the shelf. Immediately to the left is a built-in oak bench of about 1920. The principal trim is flat and rises from plinth blocks to a header topped by an ogee trim. The opening leading to the southeast parlor has flanking piers on a paneled base. This entry frames the mantel of large limestone blocks at the other end of this parlor. To either side of the mantel are the French doors added at the same time as other early 20th century improvements. From the larger parlor, entry is gained to the dining room from which the enclosed stair rises to the second floor. The second floor has a blend of late and early 19th century elements. The simple four room plan survives along with the majority of doors from the construction period. These doors are composed of six raised fielded panels each. One bedroom has an original simple Federal period mantel of wood with a shelf supported by ogee and cove molding. In another bedroom is a black ebonized Anglo-Japanese mantel with a mirror-over-mantel topped by a spindled frieze dating from the first renovation. The trim is generally Federal architrave in type. The stair balustrade on this floor dates from the late nineteenth century renovation. The house remains intact basically to the period it was occupied by the Choate family.

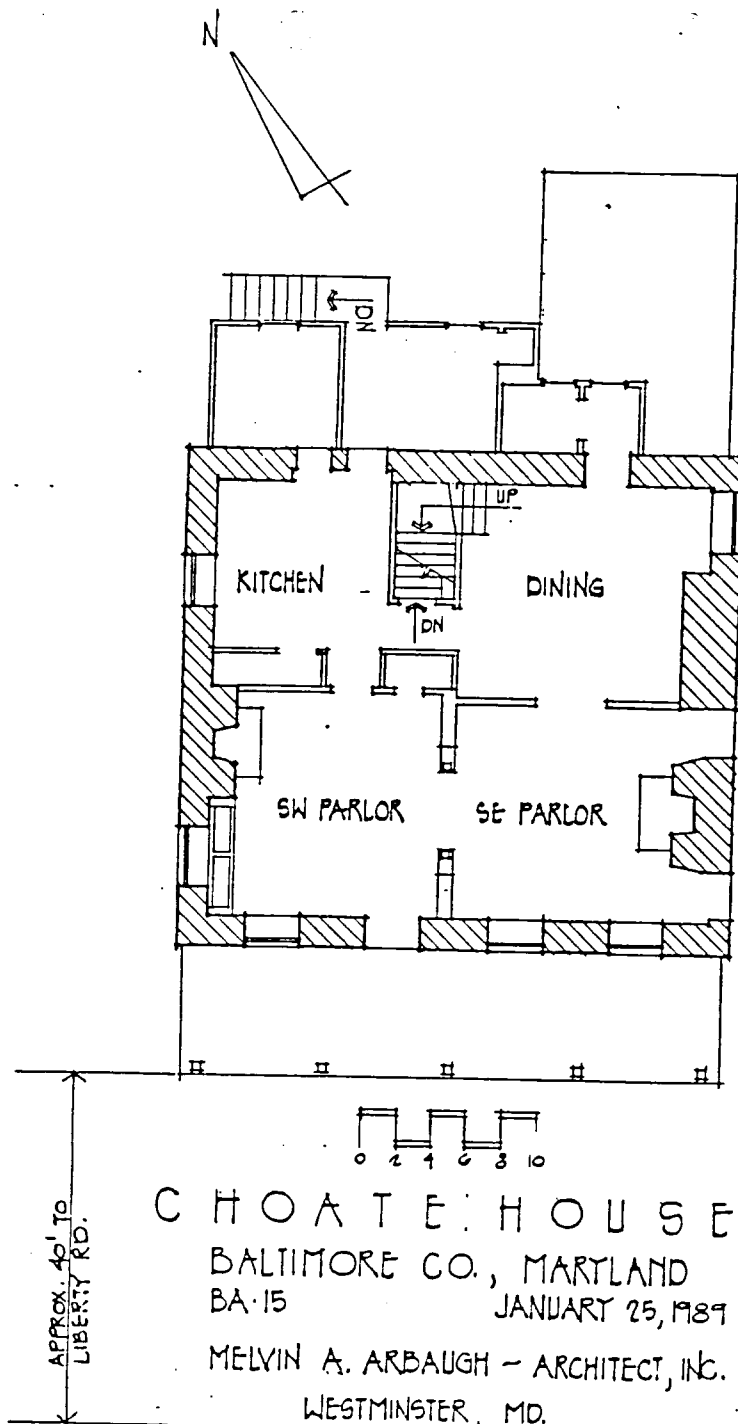
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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial-Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) or Uses(s): DOMESTIC/hotel
DOMESTIC/ single dwelling

Known Design Source: None

See Continuation Sheet No. 8.2

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Choate House, located on Liberty Road, a major highway since the late 18th century, running from Baltimore to Frederick, was perfectly sited to serve as a tavern, which it did when first constructed. It was operated by Michael Riddelmoser, stood only eleven miles from Baltimore, and opened in 1810. The period following the Revolution and up through the first decades of the 19th century were an era of great expansion for the city of Baltimore. This prosperity spilled over to the surrounding counties. Passing to Henry Trump, the tavern and its surroundings 290-3/4 acres of ground served as a farm under his ownership at a time when the national economy and agricultural prices were high. The Choate family purchased the property in 1850 and retained ownership until 1971. The Choates owned the property during a time when the development of the nearby town of Randallstown was in full speed.

RESOURCE HISTORY:

The property now known as Choate House was developed as a tavern by Michael Riddelmoser. After 1810¹, Riddelmoser sited his tavern on the "Great Road"² running from Baltimore to Frederick. Along this highway ran a large portion of Maryland's economy. In 1814, Riddelmoser advertised in the Baltimore American³ the sale of his property. The following owner was Henry Trum⁴. The property remained in the Trump family until sold to Richard Choate in 1850.⁵

Richard Choate (1804-1864) realized the value of his location and became one of the principal organizers of the Baltimore and Liberty Turnpike Road Company in 1860.⁶ During the ownership of his son, Richard Pearce Choate (1845-1919) that Choate House was remodeled to its present exterior appearance. The full-length front porch, bracketed cornice, and dormers in the Italianate style were all elements of the second Choate's updating. In 1910, Choate participated in ceremonies celebrating state ownership of the former turnpike.

1. Baltimore County Deeds, WG 106:154
2. Baltimore City Deeds, WG 117:693
3. Baltimore American and Commercial Daily Advertiser, May 30, 1814
4. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 338:134
5. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 448:237
6. Phillips, Jesse Choate, Choate Family of Baltimore County, Maryland (Harrisburg, PA, 1979), p. 31
7. Hollifield, William, Difficulties Made Easy (Cockeysville, 1977), p. 31

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With the death of Richard P. Choate in 1919, the property passed to his heirs and remained in the family until 1971.⁸ Subsequent to Choate's death, his heirs undertook a remodeling Craftsman style to the principal rooms of the first floor. Today Choate House sits amid modern development. It is the last visible reminder of 19th century architectural development for a portion of a highway that played a significant role in the history of Maryland.

RESOURCE ANALYSIS:

Choate House, built in a period of agricultural-industrial transition (1815-1870) can be viewed as a typical example of Maryland's development during this time. Constructed of uncoursed granite rubble, this building is representative of a type that was dominant in western Baltimore and southern Carroll counties at the time. The initial construction period was enhanced by the addition of the Italianate elements after the Civil War. Once again the owners felt secure enough to undertake a major project that would update the structure and make it fashionable once again. These additions have stood the test of time and now are viewed as an integral part of the building by the community at large. So much so, in fact, that the early history of the structure is largely forgotten.

Comparison to surrounding structures is a difficult task in that the Choate House today is surrounded for miles in any direction by modern development. Bordered by an apartment complex, school, housing developments, and the site of a proposed shopping center. Choate House stands as the lone reminder of the 19th century and early twentieth century development from the Federal to late Victorian and Craftsman periods.

8. Baltimore County Deeds, WPC 633:410; also, OTG 5275.951

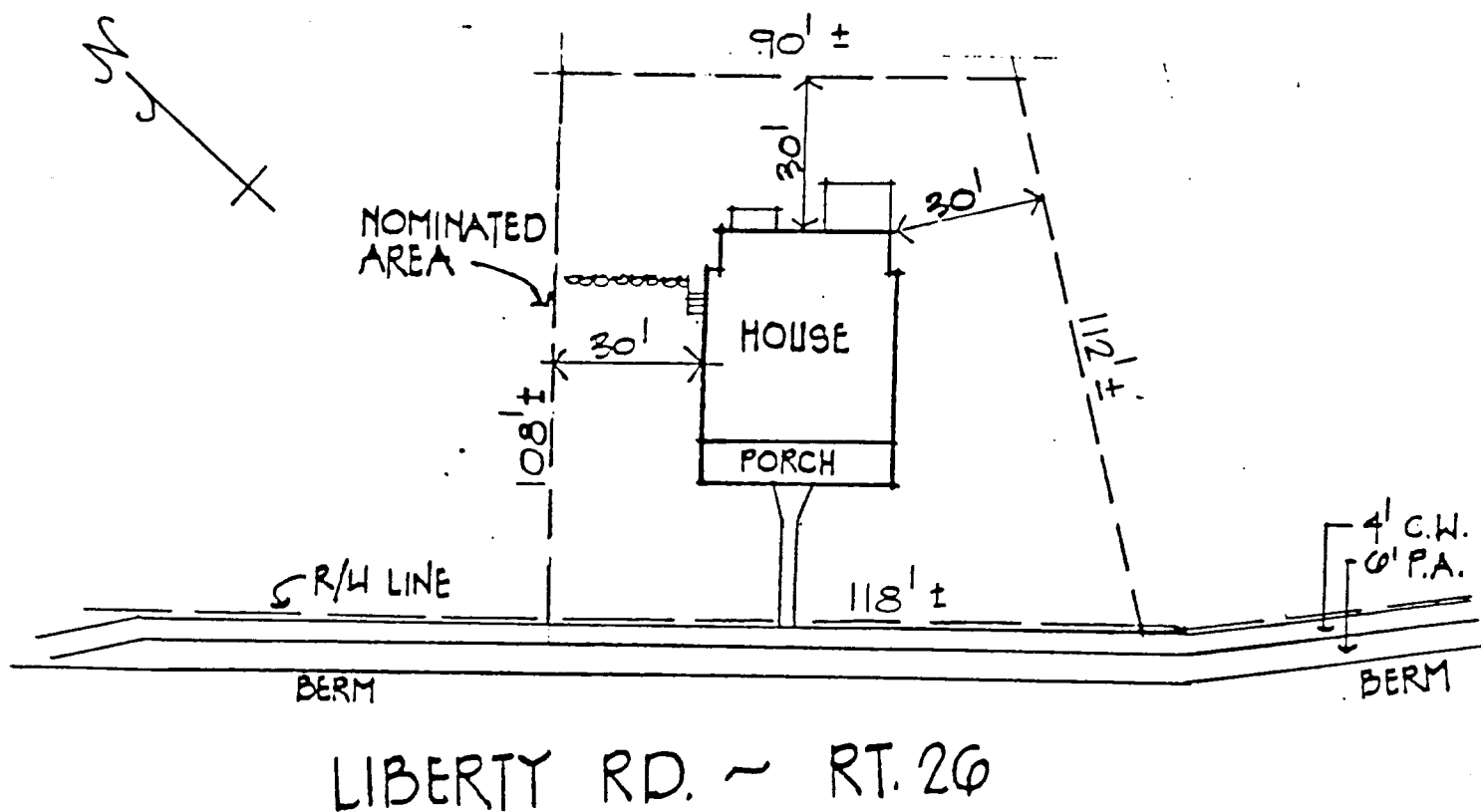
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89000807

Date Listed: 7/20/89

Choate House
Property NameBaltimore
CountyMD
State

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews
for Signature of the Keeper7/20/89
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The nomination form does not provide an acreage figure for the nominated area (using instead the square footage). Ron Andrews with the MD SHPO has verified that the acreage is less than one. The form is now officially amended to add the acreage figure.

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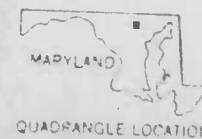
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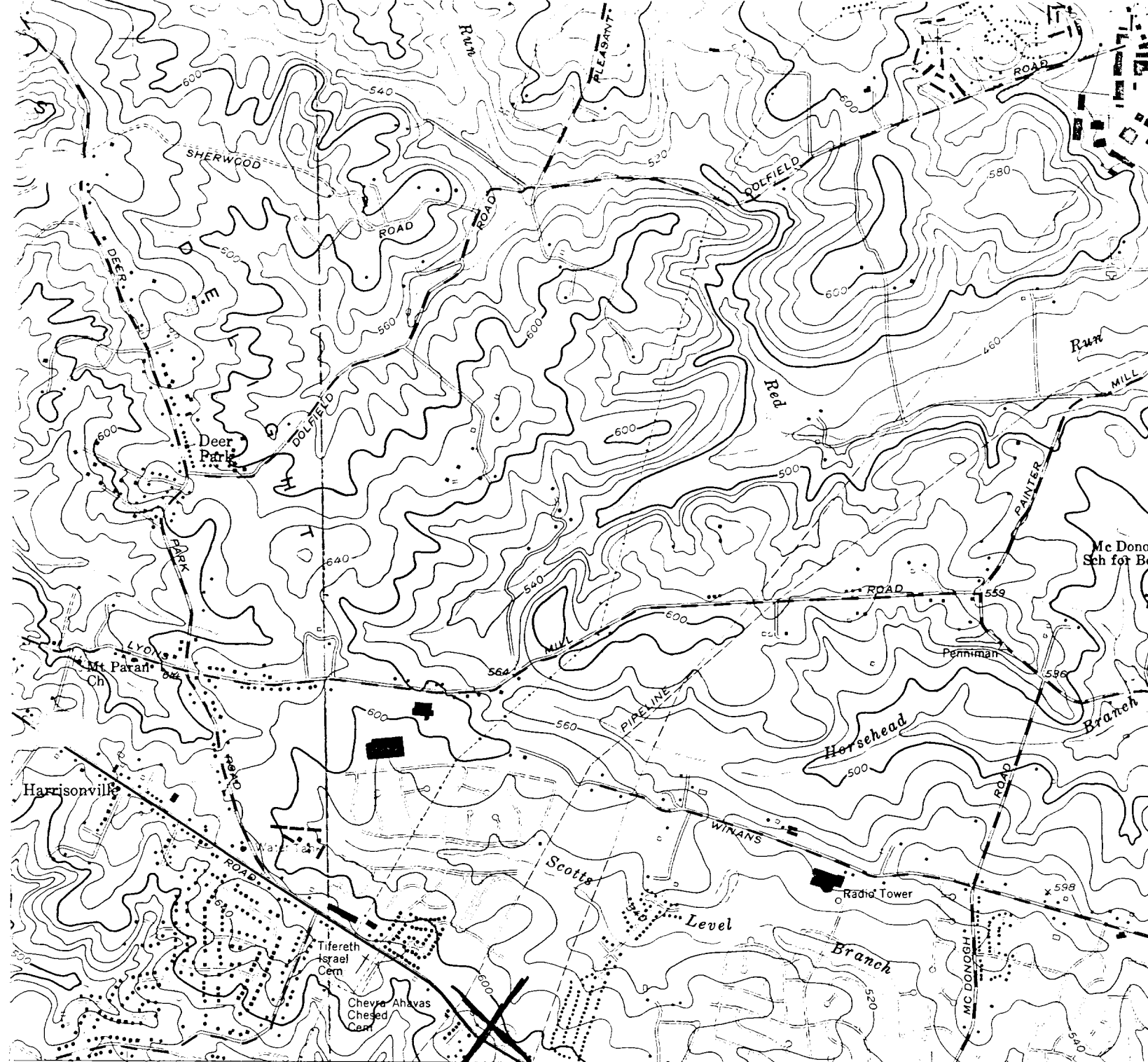
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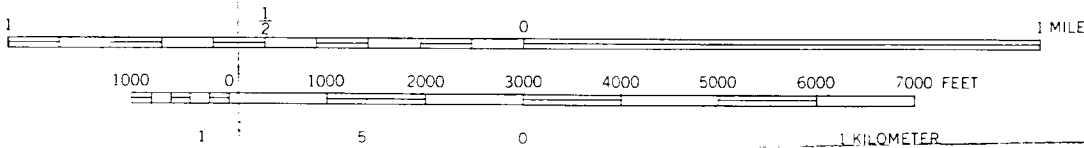
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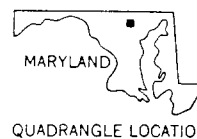
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Choate House, Baltimore Co., Maryland

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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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SW CORNER OF CHOATE HOUSE

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E. ELEVATION OF CHOATE HOUSE

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E. ELEVATION CHOATE HOUSE, GARAGE DETAIL

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PORCH BRACKET DETAIL

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SOUTH ELEVATION SECOND FLOOR CORNICE DETAIL

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SW CORNER, CORNICE & DORMER DETAIL

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FIRST FLOOR SW PARLOR, MANTEL

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FIRST FLOOR SW PARLOR, OAK BENCH

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FIRST FLOOR SW PARLOR, WEST WALK

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FIRST FLOOR SW PARLOR, LIGHT FIXTURE

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VIEW FROM SW PARLOR TO SE PARLOR

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FIRST FLOOR SE PARLOR, MANTEL

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FIRST FLOOR, DINING ROOM - TYPICAL TRIM

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FIRST FLOOR, DINING ROOM-ENCLOSED STAIR

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SECOND FLOOR HALL, STAIRCASE BANISTER

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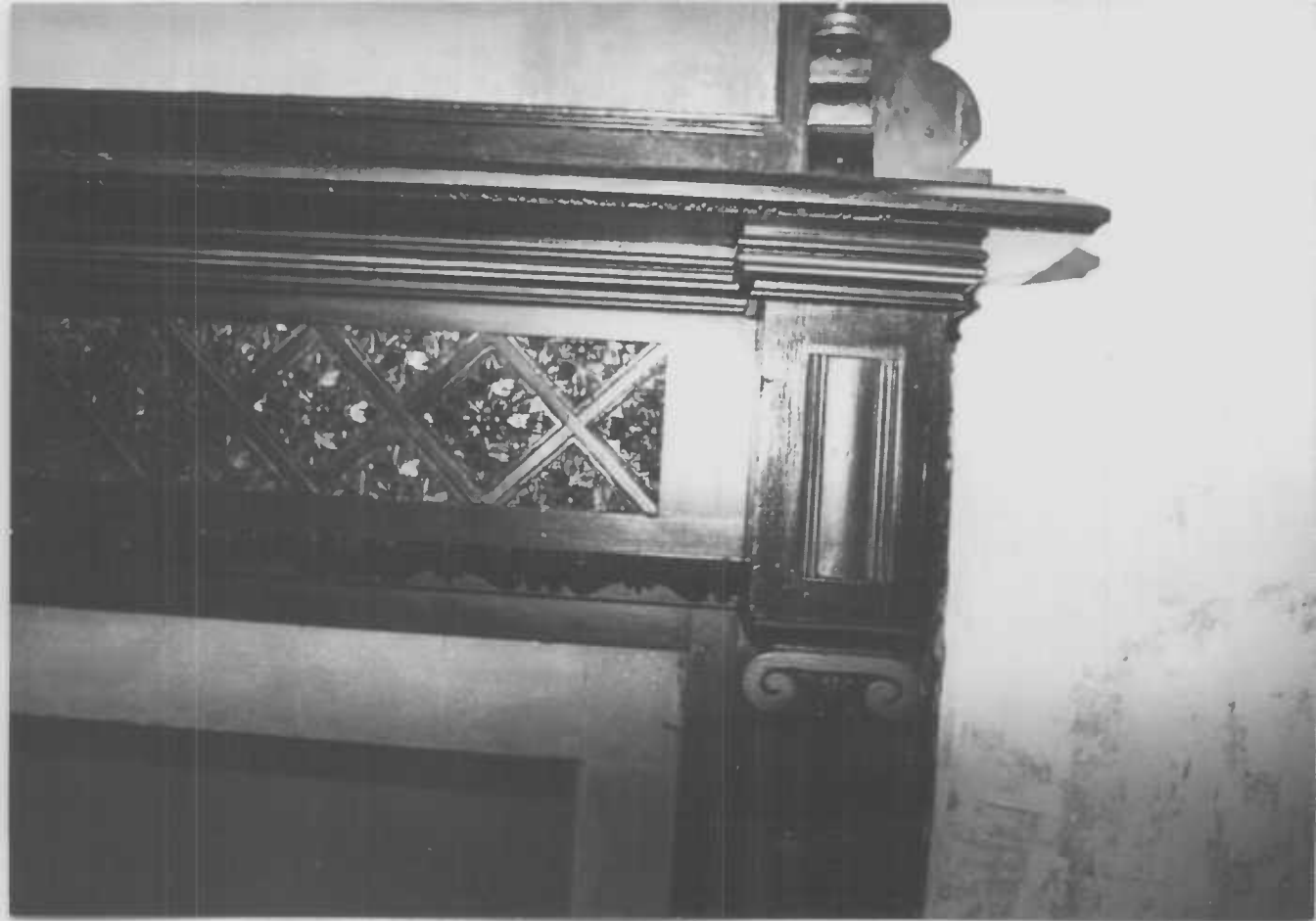
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SECONDFLOOR SW CHAMBER, MANTEL

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SECOND FLOOR SW CHAMBER, MANTEL DETAIL

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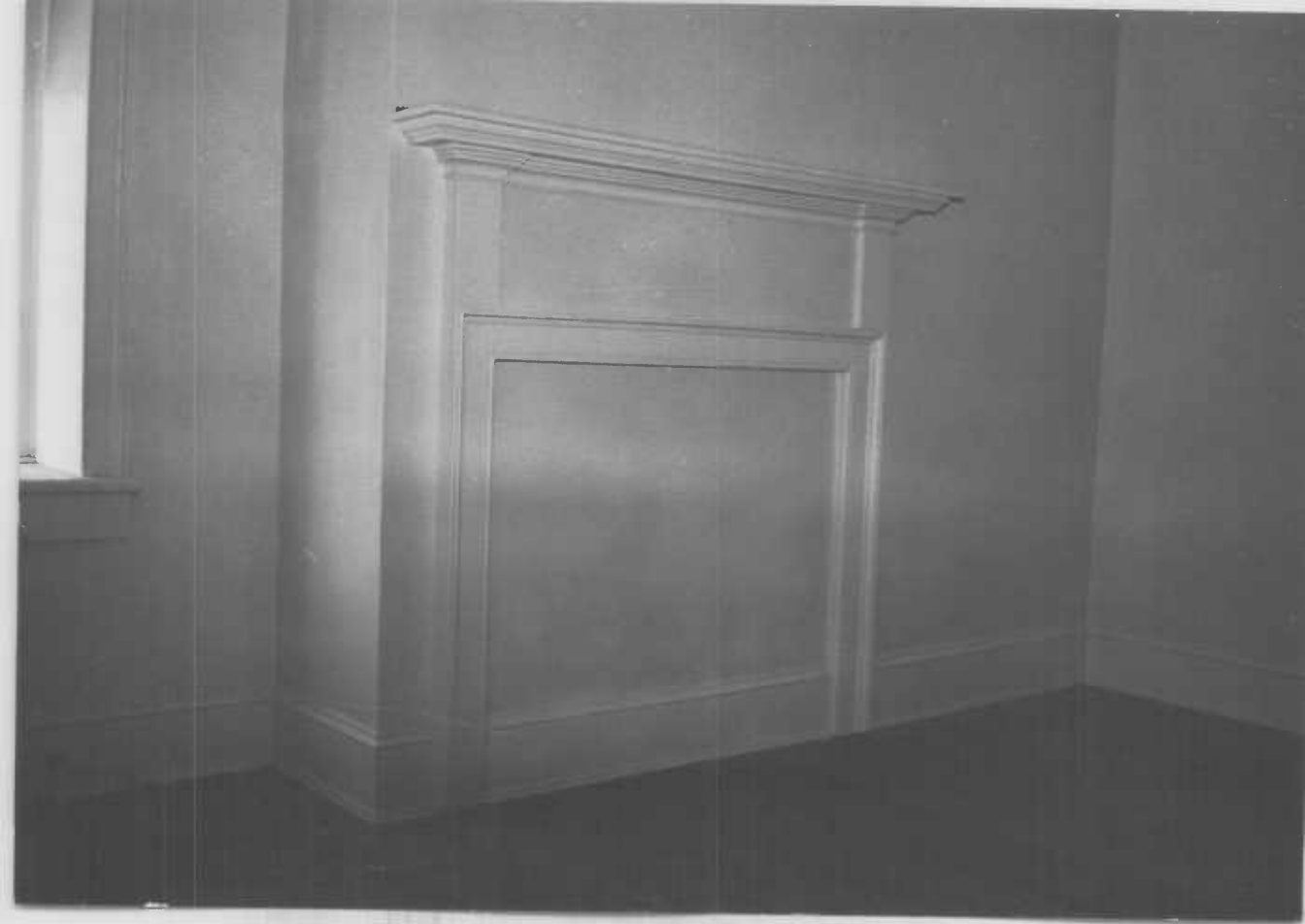
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SECOND FLOOR, SW CHAMBER SW WALL

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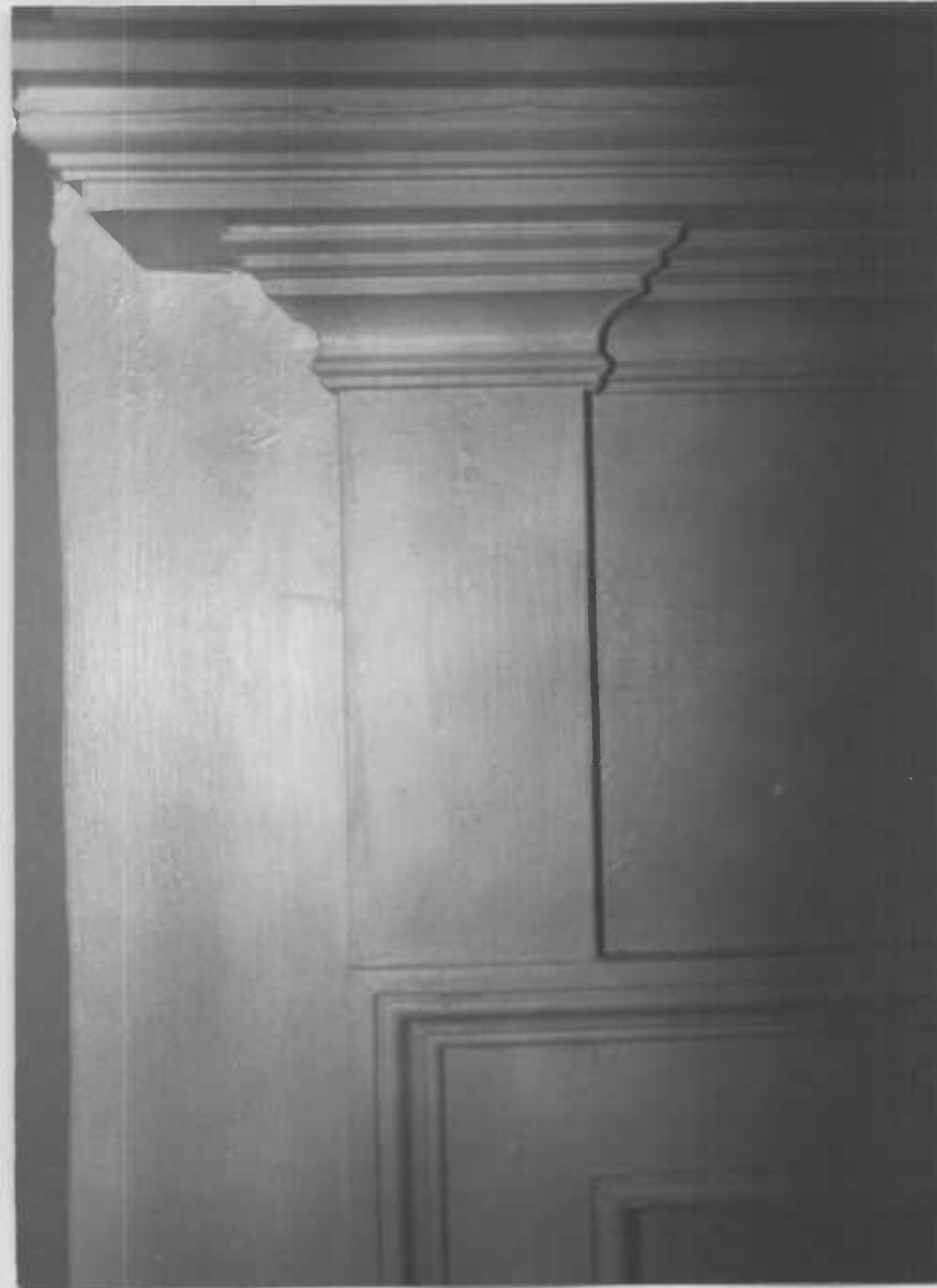
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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Choate House	Inventory Number: BA-15
Address: 9600 Liberty Road (MD 26)	Historic district: yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
City: Randallstown Zip Code:	County: Baltimore County
USGS Quadrangle(s): Reisterstown	
Property Owner:	Tax Account ID Number:
Tax Map Parcel Number(s):	Tax Map Number:
Project: Route 26	Agency: DDOT/FHWA
Agency Prepared By: P. Weisman	
Preparer's Name:	Date Prepared: 11/1/1979
Documentation is presented in: federal file	
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligibility recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/>	Considerations: A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/>
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:	
Name of the District/Property:	
Inventory Number:	Eligible: yes <input type="checkbox"/> Listed: yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Site visit by MHT Staff: yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	Name: Date:

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)

Significance: The house has held important historical associations with the Choate family for over 125 years and is still owned and occupied by family members. The Choates were a prominent local family, and were important in the history of the Baltimore-Liberty Road Turnpike, now Liberty Road (MD 26).

The Choate House is one of the oldest buildings in the area and retains much of its original character; its later alterations do not detract from the integrity of the house. These alterations are instead of additional interest not only for their unusually ornate design but also as a reflection of the changing tastes of the family over a long period of time.

Description: The Choate House is located on the north side of Liberty Road (MD Route 26) approximately 1 mile west of Randallstown in Baltimore County, Maryland. The house is set close to the road on a lot of 2.18 acres. The house, built in 1803, is a rectangular block constructed of stone and is aligned parallel to Liberty Road. It is 2-1/2 stories high, gable roofed with two interior brick chimneys.

[See form for additional description]

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
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MHT Comments: Federal DOE	

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
W.R. Luce, Keeper NR
Reviewer, National Register Program

Monday, January 14, 1980
Date
Wednesday, January 23, 1980
Date

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Choate House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

9600 Liberty Road

CITY, TOWN

Randallstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Gene C. Nipper,

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

9600 Liberty Road

CITY, TOWN

Randallstown,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

— EXCELLENT
 X GOOD
 — FAIR

— DETERIORATED
 — RUINS
 — UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

X UNALTERED
 — ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE
 — MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The main (south) facade is four bays wide, with its transomed doorway located in the second bay from the west. Three floor length 2/2 windows flank this doorway and are later additions to the house. Four 2/2 windows are located on the second floor of this facade, surmounted by jack arches.

This facade incorporates several Victorian additions which are unusually elaborate for the area. There are three ornate rounded dormers, the center one containing a pair of arched windows; the flanking single window dormers are repeated on the rear (north) side of the house. A bracketed cornice extends along the main facade but not on the rear. In addition there is a one-story porch supported by five square columns, with a bracketed cornice and decorative scrollwork trim.

The east and west walls of the house are rather plain with relatively few windows and an irregular fenestration pattern. The rear (north) facade contains three windows on the second floor, and on the ground floor there is a frame one-story shed-roofed addition containing a doorway and several windows. Because of the slope downward of the land on the north side, a later one-story garage addition connects to the basement of the house.

Located behind the house to the north is an early, small one-story log building probably contemporary with the house.

The Choate house has been continuously owned by members of the Choate family for over 125 years and is still occupied by family members. The Choate family owned large tracts of land in the area in the 19th century and appear to have first settled in the area in the 1790s. The Reverend Edward C. Choate (1757?-1842), a Scottish immigrant, developed a farming and lime-burning business in the vicinity.

The Choate house appears to have come into the family through Richard Choate (1804?-1867), one of Edward's sons. Richard Choate probably purchased the property, part of the tract, "Plains of Paran," in 1850 from Ann Trump, widow of William B. Trump and trustee (with Henry Granger) of the estate of William B. Trump's father, Henry Trump. According to local tradition, the house was built as a tavern, one of many that once lined Liberty Road.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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 Interviews w/Wilson Herrera, Anna McDonald, & Gene C. Nipper, Randallstown,
 Md.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman & Peter E. Kurtze, Historic Sites Surveyors

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical TrustNovember 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

AnnapolisMaryland 21401

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Richard Choate married Ann Jane Pearse (1804?-1861), daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Pearse, in 1839, and they had four children: Mary (Mrs. William Fite), Edward S. Choate (1842-1905), farmer and member of the state legislature, Richard Pearse Choate (? -1918), farmer, and Georgianna (Mrs. George Prough).

Richard Choate, a farmer, was one of the organizers of the Baltimore - Liberty Road Turnpike Company of 1860. His son Edward S. Choate was also active in the turnpike company.

At his death in 1867, Richard Choate's will divided up his property among his children, leaving his residence, this farm, to his son, Richard Pearse Choate, who married Emma George. During the years 1909-12, Richard Pearse Choate was active in efforts by local residents to sell the turnpike to the State Road Commission, and this purchase was completed by 1912. At a 1910 picnic to celebrate the sale, Richard Pearse Choate was chairman and master of ceremonies.

Richard Pearse Choate died in 1918, and in 1926, the property was divided among his three children: Blanche (Mrs. Clarence Wright), Richard Pearse Choate, Jr., called Pearse, and Marvin Choate.

Marvin Choate was given the section containing the Choate house and in 1936, he married Mary Clagett. She died in 1963 and Marvin in 1971, so in 1972 the property was deeded to Gene Clagett (Mrs. Fred) Nipper, niece of Marvin and Mary Choate, who had no children. The Nippers now own and occupy the house.

Choate House

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore TOWN _____ VICINITY Dist. II STREET NO. Liberty Road ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA-15	
		2. NAME Choate House DATE OR PERIOD 1803 STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <p style="text-align: center;">Originally a tavern. Owned by Choate family since 1850. Fieldstone; interior altered; porch and dormers of Victorian period.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Huge stone barn across road, built in 1812.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER (First HABS Report) E. Frances Offutt HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATE OF RECORD July 29, 1965	

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view from north



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view from south